

1st May 2026



Histon & Impington
Brook Primary School

HIBPS Newsletter



Headteacher update

Dear Families,

Reception set off on their very first school trip this week, visiting Wicken Fen for a day of outdoor exploration. The children took part in hands-on activities such as pond dipping and searching for minibeasts.

Our fantastic Eco Council representatives visited the brook this week to take part in a litter-picking activity. A big thank you and well done to them for helping to care for our local environment.

We have been incredibly impressed by the number of 2026 Challenges completed by the children to help raise money for the school. A huge well done to everyone who took part. Further information and celebrations, including any photos sent in, will be shared next week.

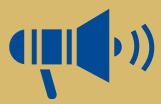
It has been lovely to see that the children's enthusiasm for skipping, following our focused week last week, has continued. Breaktimes and lunchtimes have been full of energetic skipping and smiles.

With the warm weather we have enjoyed this week - and hopefully more to come - we would like to remind parents and carers to ensure children arrive at school with sun cream already applied, a named water bottle, and a named hat. This will help keep everyone safe and comfortable throughout the school day.

Thank you,
Richard Bakker
Headteacher



Meridian
Trust



Reception Trip to Wicken Fen

Reception had a wonderful time on their first school trip to Wicken Fen this week. The children enjoyed minibeast hunting under logs, using their senses to explore and connect with nature, and discovering a wide variety of living creatures while pond dipping. They were even excited to spot a carnivorous plant!

We were extremely impressed by how well the children represented the school throughout the day. It was a fun-filled and busy trip, and after such an eventful adventure, a few children even fell asleep on the bus on the way home. The weather was kind to us too, making it a thoroughly enjoyable day for everyone.





School News – £20.26 Challenge – Results coming soon!

Histon & Impington Brook Primary School PTFA



2026

RAISE
£20.26

CHALLENGE



REMINDER



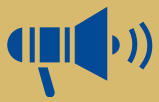
**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO
SUBMIT FUNDS**



**PLEASE DO SO THROUGH THE
PTA LINK**

**PLEASE SEND ANY PICTURES OF YOUR
CHILDRENS FUND RAISING EFFORTS TO THE
OFFICE SO THEY CAN BE RECOGNISED IN A
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY!**





School News – A Call for Unwanted Blankets and Duvet Covers!



A Call for Unwanted Blankets and Duvet Covers

Are you having a clear-out at home?
We would be very grateful for donations of blankets, duvet covers, old curtains, or picnic blankets.

Here at HIBPS, we are looking to create comfortable floor and grass coverings for children to use at lunchtimes. As the weather becomes warmer, we want to make the most of our shaded outdoor areas, giving packed-lunch eaters a pleasant place to sit and enjoy being outside – and helping to provide an ant-free seating area under the trees.

If you have any suitable items that you no longer need and think could be put to good use, please drop them off at the School Office.

Thank you very much for your support.



KS1 updates

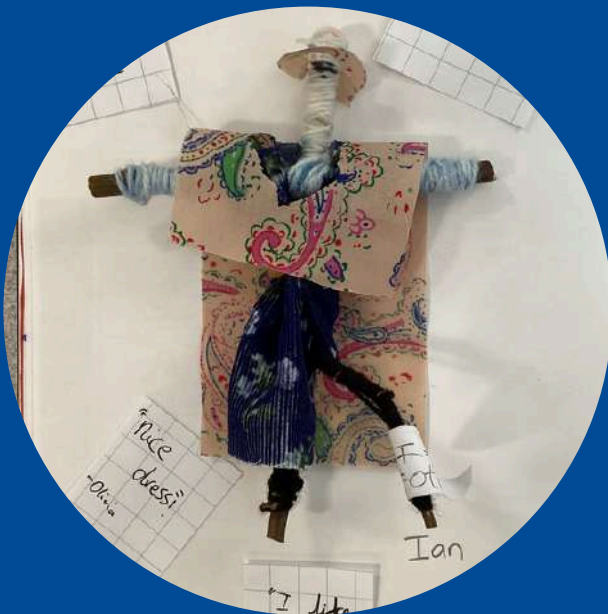
Year 1 - drawing clocks in Maths



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Year 2 - incredible worry dolls in Art



Year 2 - pleased with their moving pictures in D.T.



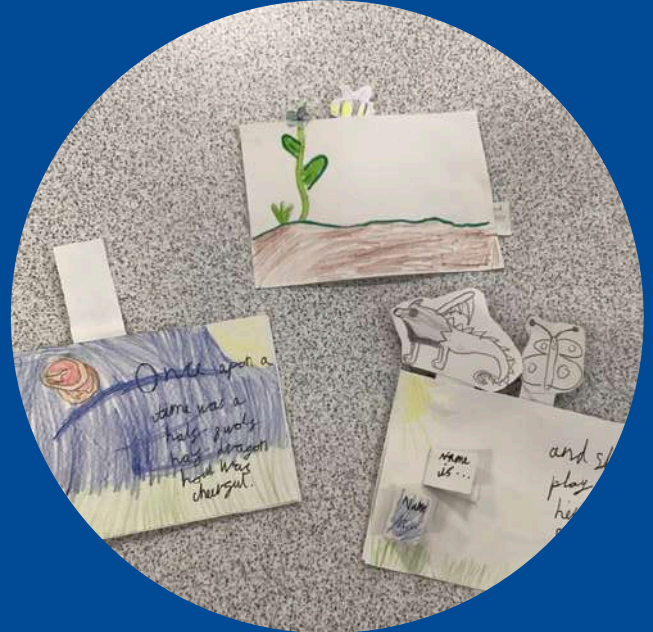


KS2 updates

Year 3 - finding equivalent fractions



Year 3 - making levels in D.T.



Year 4 - enjoying tennis in P.E.



Year 4 - using money in Maths



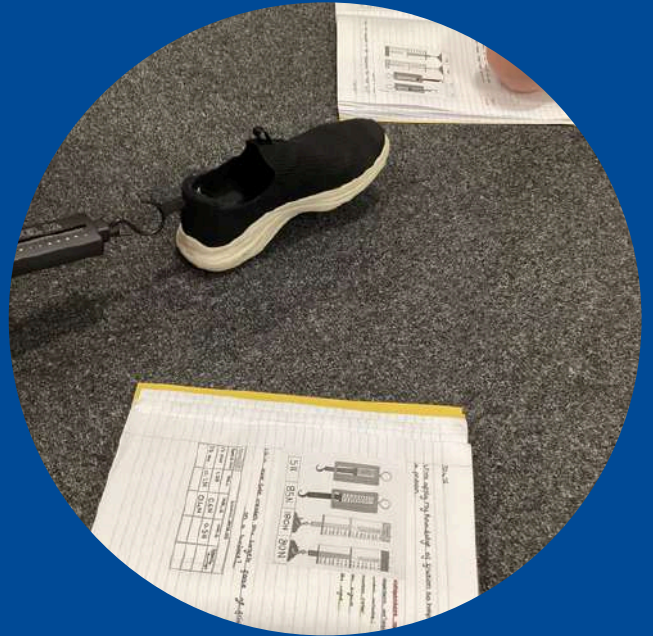


KS2 updates

Year 5 - writing poems and illustrating with watercolours



Year 5 - exploring friction in Science



Year 6 - enjoying athletics in P.E.



Year 6 - enjoying our new English unit





Key Dates : Spring – Summer Term

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 5th May	Exact Times - TBC	Year 3 Punting Trip
Wednesday 6th May	3.15pm	PTFA Uniform Sale
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Thursday 7th May	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Years 1 & 2 - Open Classroom for parents to visit.
Friday 8th May	3.15pm	PTFA Uniform Sale
Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May	Mornings	Year 6 - SATs week
Thursday 14th May	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Reception - Open Classrooms for Parents to visit.
Monday 18th May	Morning	School Sports Day
Tuesday 19th May	9:00 am onwards	All Years - Class Photos with YEP
Monday 1st - Wednesday 3rd June	TBC	Year 6 - Residential Trip to Grafham Water
Tuesday 2nd June	7.45am - 4.30pm	Year 1 - Trip to Norwich Castle
Wednesday 3rd June	7.45am - 4.30pm	Year 2 - Trip to Norwich Castle
Friday 12th June	3.15pm-6pm	PTFA School Summer Fair
Monday 15th - Thursday 18th June	Every Day	All Years - Science Week
Monday 22nd June & Tuesday 23rd June	TBC	Year 6 - IVC Transition Days
Thursday 9th July	9.30am - 10.55am	Year 6 - Performance to KS1
Thursday 9th July	1.45pm - 3.15pm	Year 6 - Performance to Parents
Thursday 9th July	6pm - 7pm	Year 6 - Performance to Parents
Friday 9th July	9.30am - 10.55am	Year 6 - Performance to KS2
Thursday 16th July	TBC	Year 6 - Leavers Event



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PTFA



Join our PTFA meeting inc Summer Fair planning

Wednesday 6th May

7.30pm

Tawa Lounge, Histon

Join us to kick off planning for our school Summer Fair.

The Summer Fair is one of our biggest annual fundraisers and your support makes a huge impact on its success.

We need lots of volunteers to run this event, so come along and see how you can get involved.

Any questions, please email: hjspta@gmail.com

See you there!

UNIFORM

S A L E



Brook PTFA

School Pick Up (3-3.45pm)
Weds 6th & Friday 8th May



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Summer Fair Sponsorship - can your business help?

We are seeking local businesses or individuals to sponsor our Summer Fair.

You can sponsor a specific area, such as the Bar or Prizes for Class Stalls. Or contribute general sponsorship towards the costs of running the Summer Fair.

We would also love prizes for our Summer Raffle.

All contributions are appreciated. In return, sponsors will get recognition in:

Summer Fair poster promoted across Histon & Impington Communications with our school parent/carer community
Our PTFA Facebook community

If you can help, please email: hjspta@gmail.com



HIBPS PTFA

REGULAR GIVING

No time for bake sales?

Here's the thing- our PTFA helps fund a range of enriching activities and projects. From new books your kids love, to amazing playground equipment, subsidising school trips that create memories and more.

However, we can only do it with your help. The good news? If you're time-poor but still able to give, then a regular donation is an easy way to contribute.

£10/month = less than two fancy coffees. But 50 families doing it = £6,000/year for our kids. They'll benefit from it. Everyone wins.

PAYROLL GIVING

Tax-efficient: £10 a month costs you only £8 (just £6 for higher rate taxpayers)

Charity name: Histon and Impington Brook Primary School Parent-Teacher-Friends Association

Charity number: 268870

On board? Click this [link](#) to get started

STANDING ORDER

Set up a standing order to:

Account number: 43091589

Sort code: 20-17-20

Bank: Barclays

Account name: Histon and Impington Brook School PTA

Ref: Your name

Email hijpspta@gmail.com a [Gift Aid form](#) so we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMING SERVICES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Streaming services are platforms that allow users to watch cartoons, documentaries and movies online immediately (often referred to as SVoD: streaming videos on demand). Ofcom reported that children and young adults prefer streaming services to traditional TV. With two-thirds of UK households subscribing to at least one streaming service, parents must understand how to manage screen time, set age restrictions and ensure safe viewing.

COSTLY

Subscription services can be costly. As the main source of entertainment, most households have at least one streaming platform, and each platform has its own monthly subscription fee. Services are charging more for ad-free viewing, and better quality and resolution; however, there is a cheaper option with adverts. Due to price increases, Netflix and Disney+ reported a sharp increase in users subscribing to their ad-supported tier in 2025.

ILLEGAL STREAMING

Sharing passwords or using modified Fire Sticks to access streaming content without permission is illegal. Most streaming services have now put measures in place to detect account sharing. When account sharing is identified, platforms will offer an opportunity to pay for an added member or will ask the user to verify who they are.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most streaming platforms allow users to set up a profile for each family member, with the option of putting specific restrictions in place. These include adding a profile lock or PIN, controlling autoplay of previews and next episodes, and limiting content based on age ratings. Nonetheless, these restrictions aren't foolproof. Content which is rated as suitable for an age group may still include themes, language, or images which children and families find inappropriate.

EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Excessive screen time contributes to sedentary behaviour and can negatively impact physical and mental health. Ofcom found that 4- to 15-year-olds averaged 2.5 hours per day across all video-sharing platforms, not including gaming. The vast range of content available, combined with features such as autoplay, makes it easy for children to watch for extended periods of time.

BINGE WATCHING

Features such as autoplay make it easy for viewers – especially young people – to continue watching episodes without a break. This can foster unhealthy and addictive patterns, such as consuming a vast amount of content in one sitting. With binge watching come a lack of social interaction, lack of physical exercise, and often late nights and sleep disruptions which impact their mental and physical wellbeing.

HARMFUL STEREOTYPES

Many platforms track viewing habits, time consumed, and preferences, and generate recommendations to encourage your child to keep watching. This results in your child being in a 'loop' whereby they think the 'recommended' shows would be something they would enjoy rather than thinking critically for themselves. This can shape their beliefs, values, and understanding of the world from a young age without even realising it.

Advice for Parents & Educators

SET UP INDIVIDUAL PROFILES AND ADD PINS

Almost all streaming services allow users to set up individual profiles where each family member can have age restrictions put in place for the content they can view. Adult profiles can be protected through the use of PIN. Keep this private. Use the options of putting specific restrictions in place such as controlling autoplay of previews and next episodes, and limiting content based on age ratings.

MONITOR AND TALK OFTEN

Discuss with your child what they are watching, find out which programmes are trending, and watch them yourself. Have a little look at their watch history to check the content of what they're watching. Some platforms have been known to recommend or autoplay older or graphic content after a child's movie has been played. While some tv shows or movies may have a suitable age rating, your child may still find the content scary, or it may explore themes you don't want to explore with your child yet.

TALK ABOUT ALGORITHMS

Talk to your child about how streaming services track what they watch, and base adverts and recommended shows/movies on previous viewing. Encourage them to critically think about whether the recommendations are suitable and how they want to spend their time. Discuss stereotypes with your child and challenge them to think about what they watch and how this may influence their beliefs.

SET TIME RESTRICTIONS

Many streaming services offer the opportunity to buy movies, or add additional features to your subscription such as sports channels, as well as play games. This can increase the amount of time young people spend sitting idly in front of the screen. Some platforms (e.g. Apple TV+) allow you to set screen time restrictions. If the streaming service doesn't allow you to set screen time limits, set a family rule and stick to it.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator, and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government, comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



See full reference list on our website

MathsFit



HOLIDAY CLUB Histon Brook Primary School

SCHOOLS OUT SO COME AND
JOIN THE FUN AT MATHSFIT!

- Boost maths confidence
- Burn energy
- Make friends
- Have FUN!

Wednesday 27th May
9am - 3.30pm
Open to years 1-5
£35 per child

Please use discount code **sibling10%**
if booking siblings

**SIGN UP YOUR CHILD
TO THE AWARD
WINNING CLUB**



Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter April 2026

A Bit About Me

Hi, my name is Jurate Trumpickiene, I'm your school's link EIFA. As an EIFA I offer advice and strategies to parents and carers with a Primary School aged child that may be experiencing some challenges such as routines, sleep, sibling rivalry, challenging behaviour, worries or self-esteem. If you'd like a chance to chat about any of these topics, just contact me on the details below.

Parenting Top Tips

A **visual timetable** can help your child to understand the structure and activities of the day. Click the link to create your own visual timetable: [Visual Timetable cards.pdf](#)

Special time is a daily interaction with your child that is child led, it doesn't need to be a long period of time, it can be just 10 mins. Playing with your child helps to build a warm relationship and a strong attachment between family members, it also helps to develop a child's communication and social skills. Your child will learn to problem solve, test out their ideas and allows time to explore their imagination.

Praise, make sure you acknowledge and praise your child, catch them doing the right thing and praise them, using descriptive language such as "I liked that you shared your colouring pens".

Emotion Coaching, emotion coaching supports emotional literacy, which means to recognise and understand feelings. You can help your child by doing activities together to practice develop their emotional literacy.

Feelings thermometer, this can help your child to identify how they are feeling.

Storytime reflection, after reading a book ask your child how they think the character felt and what would they do in that situation.



Activity Idea

If you are looking for a fun free way to get outside this Easter with your children, click the link below to download an Easter Nature Scavenger Hunt, this activity gets you all outdoors in the fresh air:

[Easter Nature Scavenger Hunt Color](#)

Another Resource

The Easter HAF Programme will run from 30 March to 10 April 2026. Easter eligibility codes will be issued on 2 March 2026. The HAF team will assist with code and eligibility queries from this date. The Provider Directory will be available via a link on this page. [Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Cambridgeshire County Council](#) Bookings are open now.

Information and Practical Tips to help support you and your child during the time of school transitions.

www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/getting-ready-to-start-primary-school

[How Parents Can Help With Secondary School Transition | YoungMinds](#)

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? **Pinpoint** (www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) have lots of information, advice and tips. For **Cambridgeshire's Local Offer** go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer

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